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Sir:

Under the provisions of MPEP § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. Application(s):

<u>Appl. No.</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Group</u>
13/274,783	Koji UTSUGI	October 17, 2011	1726
10/541,063	Koji UTSUGI	June 29, 2005	1727

The subject matter contained in the above-listed co-pending U.S. application may be deemed to relate to the present application, and thus may be material to the prosecution of this instant application.

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